

# Clovenfords Primary School

**Kindness Respect Honesty**

Weekly Update – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

We have enjoyed the wonderful sunny weather this week and are hoping the sun stays out over the weekend! I am sure the children in P1-P4 in particular have been making the most of the warm temperatures to support their learning about the weather.

At our gathering this week we explored our school aim of being responsible, creating a word cloud and discussing how being a positive role model helps to develop key leadership skills. Our P7 pupils will be finalising their leadership roles in the coming days. These key roles in our school will continue to strengthen all children's understanding of how their voice matters and how they can, with guidance and support from adults, learn how to positively influence decisions that affect them.

We very much hope you will join us at our Meet the Teacher evening next week and please do make time to join us for our Parent Council AGM. Just as our children's voices matter in influencing school improvements and decisions, so too do yours. The Parent Council is an effective and collaborative way for you to play a part in supporting our school, helping us to realise the goals and aims that the school and parents have identified as well as those that the children say matter to them. Helping our Parent Council also means key events can take place thanks to those that are able to volunteer their time and skills.

Wishing you all a lovely and peaceful weekend. I am looking forward to welcoming your children back to our school and ELC again on Monday and to seeing you all on Tuesday evening.

*Mrs Saxon*

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Travelling Book Fair in school
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Meet the Teacher 6.00pm – 7.00pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Parent Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) 7.00pm – 8.00pm
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Fairnilee House</b> Parents invited to Citizenship Gathering 9.00am-9.30am
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Cycle to School Week begins
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Maths Week Scotland begins
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Last day for dropping off filled shoebox for Blythswood Shoebox Appeal
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	P3/4 Class Assembly

## Gala Live Borders Tennis

Live Borders Sports Development would like to set up a tennis participation centre in Galashiels following a successful pilot during June. The centre has 2 sections – one for P1 to P3 pupils and one for P4 to P7 pupils. Block 1 of the centre for both age sections is starting on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Please find attached the sign up letters for this opportunity.

## Family Fun Mr Bojangles Disco

Please see attached flyer for more details.

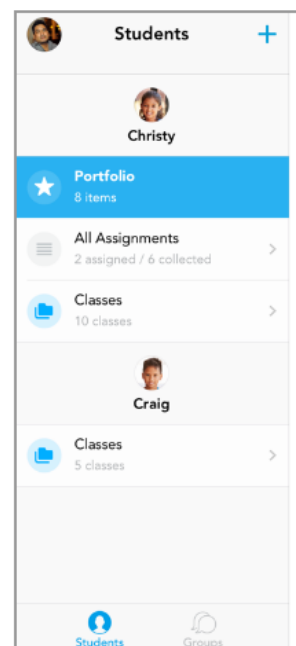
## Showbie Portfolio

Your child's Showbie profile is now active and learning is being added on a weekly basis. This is a way of us reporting to you across the year so you can see your child's progress and the strategies they use to learn in a range of curricular areas.

Last session we asked you to engage in a Showbie questionnaire to provide us with feedback to use to continue to improve our provision. The vast majority of feedback we received was very positive. You told us that you enjoy keeping up to date with what and how your child is learning on a regular basis and that you use this to support your child at home.

A change we have made from your feedback is by utilising the Portfolio section of Showbie. When a comment is made by a practitioner or teacher, this piece of learning will be added to your child's Showbie Portfolio. You can access this when you log in by clicking on Portfolio. Please see example shown. This will allow you to easily access feedback your child has received in one place.

If you do not have access to your child's Showbie profile for any reason, please contact the school office in the first instance.



## Reflection Assembly

### Building Resilience – Look on the Bright Side

This week's reflection assembly encouraged the children to think about ways in which they can challenge unhelpful thoughts, find a different way to look at a situation and think about what they are grateful for to help them focus on what is going well.

One thing that is certainly going well in school is our weekly star achiever baking sessions which are enhancing our star achiever celebrations. One of our star achievers walked into the room to have their hot chocolate and exclaimed, *"This is beautiful!"* Huge congratulations to the following pupils for consistently showing our school values in action, for using their learning powers effectively to support their progress and, following our recent focus on our school aim of being responsible, being positive role models for others:



ELC	James
P1/2	Leo
P2/3	Lyle
P3/4	Robbie
P5/6	Tyler
P6/7	Emme



## House Winners August

Congratulations to **Fairnilee** who won the house cup last week at assembly and enjoyed time in our new Play Hub as a reward. The points are close this week with the children all vying to be the next house cup winners!

## Multiply

**Multiply is a new UK Government funded programme to help transform the lives of adults across the Scottish Borders by improving their numeracy skills.**

The Multiply Team at Scottish Borders Council aim to

- increase peoples' confidence in using numbers
- support parents wanting to increase numeracy skills
- upskill those wanting to progress into employment or further education
- develop everyday numeracy skills, e.g., in managing money or cooking
- provide progression towards gaining a formal maths qualification

The Multiply Team would like to gather parents' feelings towards numeracy, learning maths, and to gauge their **interest** in attending courses to improve everyday numeracy skills, or perhaps to gain a numeracy qualification. This will help the Multiply Team to tailor any courses/activities in line with what parents would want for their own learning.

Complete the survey by clicking this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/AFUVkCRL9V>

**All responses to the survey are anonymous.**

**The survey will be open from the 11/09/23 until the 18/09/23 for you to submit your thoughts.**

**Please note that by completing this survey you are not committing or signing up to any course or activity, this is only for the Multiply Team to scope out interest.**



### **A plea from School's Out! Clovenfords Please Help Us!**

As a not-for-profit company we do not need large numbers of bookings to be viable. In fact, if only 10 children were booked in for after school club Monday - Friday we would be sustainable. This would ensure Breakfast club, Holiday club and after school club were available whenever you need it. Prior to opening we received a poll from Clovenfords Parent Council that suggested 30+ families were seeking regular After school/Breakfast and Holiday club care.

We understand circumstances change, however, if you could commit to even just 1 session per fortnight not only will your child have great fun, but you will be helping ensure the club remains open. The average Scottish cost for after school care is £12.73. At £10 we know we are offering fantastic value for money. Also, by claiming your tax-free childcare allowance this reduces the cost further to only £8 per session. The School's Out team are thoroughly enjoying working at Clovenfords. The parents, school staff and children have been extremely welcoming, we would be sad to leave, but ultimately the families who have no alternative childcare are the ones who will suffer most. Please consider supporting us in order to ensure Clovenfords families benefit from a year-round registered Out of School Service for many years to come. Thank you.

A reminder you can contact School's Out at: [admin@schoolsoutclovenfords](mailto:admin@schoolsoutclovenfords)



### **Clothingfords**

We have a mixture of good quality, used items, including clothes embroidered with the school badge; as well as brand new uniform kindly donated by Asda. Small donations are gratefully appreciated but not expected. Our goal is to provide you with good quality school uniforms free of charge. Please pop along when you can to use this great facility.

### **Communication**

If your child will not be in school, it is important that you inform the school office by 9.00am. You can report absence by phone or email.

**School office phone number:** 01896 662755 **School office email:** [clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:clovenfordsps@scotborders.gov.uk)

**School Twitter (X) :** @Clovenfords\_ps

**School website:** [Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](http://Clovenfords Primary School – Kindness, Respect, Honesty (glowscotland.org.uk))